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REMARKS

Claims 3 to 6 are pending. Claims 1, 2 and 7-52 are currently canceled. Claims 3 to 6 are currently amended. Reconsideration of the application is requested.

The Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences affirmed the rejections against independent claim 1 but reversed all rejections against claims 3-6. Claims 3-6 have been amended to place them in proper dependent form. In view of the above, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance.

Examination and reconsideration of the application as amended is requested.

Respectfully submitted.

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